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WILL STOP ATTACKS ON LINERS, GERMANY'S PLEDGE TO THE U.S.

SHOTS FROM AMBUSH KILL DOCTOR AND WOUND GIRL ON TRIP IN AUTOMOBILE

Dr. C. Franklin Mohr of Newport, Former New Yorker, Dies After Mysterious Attack—Estranged Wife at His Deathbed.

(Special to The Evening World.)
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 1.—Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, a prominent physician of Newport and this city, formerly of New York, died in the Rhode Island Hospital here shortly before noon today from the effects of bullet wounds which he received last night while sitting in his automobile on a lonely suburban road in company with Miss Emily Burger, who had been his office assistant for four years. Miss Burger, who was wounded, is in the hospital on the road to recovery.

The shooting furnishes a baffling murder mystery. Dr. Mohr's wife, from whom he was separated, was at his bedside when he died. She has told the police that she has no idea which would tend to furnish a clue to the identity of the murderer. She said she had reason to believe that she and Dr. Mohr would soon have been reconciled.

Dr. Mohr was on his way from

Providence to Newport by way of the Bristol Ferry route at the time of the tragedy. The automobile was driven by Dr. Mohr's negro chauffeur, George W. Heals, who is under arrest.

Heals, according to Miss Burger, stopped the car in a particularly secluded spot near Barrington, saying there was something wrong with the engine. He was examining the engine with one of the front lights when several revolver shots were fired at the car and both Dr. Mohr and Miss Burger were struck.

The chauffeur said that there were but two shots, and that they came from the rear. The police established by subsequent investigation that four or five shots were fired by some person who had been concealed on the roadside.

First reports were that the assassin or assassins came along in an automobile. The only motor vehicle to pass, the police learned, came five minutes after the shooting.

The police are inquiring into a report that there was a conspiracy against the lives of the physician and his companion. They questioned at length Florence Ormsby, a young woman employed as a maid in Mohr's office, and later it was said that she had given them a clue upon which to work. It was announced that Mrs.

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GERMAN ARMY BEFORE FORTRESS OF GRODNO

Kaiser's Troops Arrive at Western Front and Prepare for Bombardment.

BERLIN (via London), Sept. 1.—German troops have arrived before the western front of Grodno and are preparing to attack the fortress.

The official statement says: "Eastern theatre of war. Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg—Battles east of the Niemen River are taking their course.

"On the western front of Grodno our troops are in front of the outer line of forts.

"Army Group of Prince Leopold of Bavaria—The upper Narow has been crossed. North of Grodno the enemy has been forced back across the marsh district.

"Army Group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—Our pursuit continues. Wherever the enemy has made a stand he has been defeated.

"Southeastern Theatre of War—The troops of Gen. Count von Botho, in the face of stubborn resistance by the enemy, stormed heights on the banks of the Strpa, north of Zborov, overcoming a temporary delay after a repulse of the enemy's resistance.

EDWARDS OPPOSED BY LEADERS HOLDS UP TIGER SLATE

Sullivan Clan Leads Opposition to "Big Bill" for Sheriff's Job.

MAY INDORSE JUDGES.

Murphy Hints Tammany Will Accept for Ticket Four Now on Bench.

District leaders of Tammany Hall met with Chief Murphy this afternoon to discuss whether "Big Bill" Edwards, an outsider, should be taken as the organization candidate for Sheriff. After long informal discussion Murphy decided to adjourn the meeting of the Executive Committee until evening, when final decision on the entire slate will be reached. When asked what was the status of the Edwards' candidacy, Murphy replied: "Edwards is still in the running and not out yet."

He added that the same thing applied to the candidacy of Judge Swann for District Attorney.

Concerning the six Supreme Court Justices to be selected, of whom four sitting Justices already have been endorsed by the Republicans, Murphy said:

"I think we ought to have the four. As to the remaining two I don't know yet."

Asked whether Tammany would take as the fifth man Edward R. Finch, who also has been endorsed by the Republicans, in return for a Democrat as the sixth man, the Chief replied:

"That is still under consideration."

The Sullivan gathered in force at the Hall to oppose the selection of Edwards for Sheriff. Senator Christie Sullivan, who is the strongest leader of the clan, had an eye on the place himself. But the other big Tammany leader of the lower east side, Tom Foley, was strongly inclined to the Edwards proposition.

There is a hitch in getting together with the Republicans for a complete bi-partisan judiciary ticket. Tammany wants Judge Lorenz Zeller of the City Court, its candidate for reelection, included in the joint agreement and endorsed by the Republicans. The latter, however, have been flirting with the Progressives over this office with the proposition of taking on their slate Michael Schaap, one of the Bull Moose leaders.

RUSSIAN ARMIES TAKE OFFENSIVE ON BOTH WINGS

Petrograd Reports That Heavy Reinforcements Have Checked Rush of Foes.

GAINS MADE IN GALICIA.

Success Is Also Reported in Region of Riga, but Centre Falls Further Backward.

PETROGRAD, Sept. 1.—Strongly reinforced, the Russians in Galicia have taken the offensive, and by successive attacks are threatening to roll up the right flank of the Austro-Germans.

Despatches received here to-day indicated not only a complete check to the enemy's advance in Galicia, but Russian gains between the Strpa and Zlota Lipa, southeast of Tarnopol. Troops brought up from the lower Dniester region are battering at Gen. Pfanner's flank in the hilly country between the two rivers and have driven the Austro-Germans back nearly a mile.

Gen. Pfanner's army is estimated to comprise five Austrian and German army corps.

The latest official statement from the War Office reported the capture of 3,000 prisoners and a number of guns by the Russians. At the other extremity of the 500-mile battle front heavy German attacks are being repulsed in the region south of Riga. The enemy's offensive in the direction of Vilna and the Warsaw-Petrograd railway has been stopped and the whole situation is now considered satisfactory by the War Office.

The Germans are concentrating south of Riga. Their heavy guns are hammering at the Friedland bridge head and fresh German forces, presumably from the Brest-Litovsk district, are approaching the Dvina. Military men here believe this activity forecasts a drive on Petrograd.

Around Brest-Litovsk and southwest to the Galician border the Czar's troops are moving back in conformity to the general plan of retirement adopted when evacuation of Brest-Litovsk became necessary. The retreat is slow and orderly. Several enemy detachments which attempted a too hasty pursuit have been defeated with severe losses.

In their sudden attempt to expel the Russians from Galicia the Austro-Germans apparently had been heavily reinforced. Regiments which were reported in action before Warsaw participated in the Austro-German attacks against the Slavs on the Zlota Lipa. When the Russian force were redistributed to meet this blow the enemy was halted.

THAW SUES FOR DIVORCE; NAMES JOHN FRANCIS

Begins Action in Pittsburgh Against Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, Making New Yorker Co-respondent.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 1.—Harry K. Thaw, through his attorney, Stone & Stone, this afternoon filed a petition in common pleas court asking a divorce from his wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, charging misconduct with John Francis of New York.

John Francis, the co-respondent in the Thaw suit, was seen this afternoon at the Hotel Ilerard, this city. He expressed surprise when told that Harry Thaw had named him in the divorce case. "I can't possibly see how he could do such a thing," said Mr. Francis. "Why, I haven't seen Mrs. Thaw for three years."

U-BOATS MUST GIVE WARNING, SAYS BERNSTORFF TO LANSING

Fiancee to Nurse State Chairman Who Will Undergo Operation



MISS JANE OGDEN



FREDERICK C. TANNER

TANNER IN HOSPITAL FOR HIS OPERATION; FINISHES WORK FIRST

Frederick C. Tanner, Chairman of the Republican State Committee, went to the Post-Graduate Hospital, at Twenty-second Street and Second Avenue, to-day to undergo an operation for appendicitis, which will be performed by Dr. John Erdman. No time has been set for the operation. Mr. Tanner came down from Albany yesterday evening accompanied by his fiancée, Miss Jane Ogden of Albany.

bany, Dr. Erdman and Mrs. Stewart L. Woodford, widow of Mr. Tanner's former law partner. He spent the night at his bachelor apartment, No. 12 Washington Square, and appeared in the lower hall of the apartment house at 8:30 o'clock to-day lugging a heavy suitcase.

After breakfast at the Players' Club Mr. Tanner spent an hour in clearing up correspondence and holding telephone conversations with some persons in Albany. At 10 o'clock he called a taxicab, swung his suitcase into it and rode to the hospital. "I feel fine," said Mr. Tanner, "and in my lay ignorance can see no reason for an operation. But the doctor says an operation is imperative and his word is law."

30 WARSAW BANKERS INTERNED IN GERMANY

Arrested, It Is Reported, for Refusing to Accept German Premissory Notes.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 1.—Thirty Warsaw bankers who refused to accept German promissory notes have been arrested and interned in Germany, according to information reaching here to-day.

Secretary of State Announces That the Document Accepts the Contentions Made by the United States—Wilson Highly Pleased.

LUSITANIA AND ARABIC CASES TO BE SETTLED

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, to-day delivered to Secretary of State Lansing the following note:

"My Dear Secretary:
"With reference to our conversation of this morning, I beg to inform you that my instructions concerning our answer to your last Lusitania note contain the following passage:

"Liners will not be sunk by our submarines without warning and without safety of the lives of non-combatants provided that the liners do not try to escape or offer resistance."

"Although I know you do not wish to discuss the Lusitania question till the Arabic incident has been definitely and satisfactorily settled, I desire to inform you of the above, because this policy of my Government was decided on before the Arabic incident occurred.

"I have no objections to your making any use you may please of the above information.

"I remain, my dear Mr. Lansing, very sincerely yours,
J. BERNSTORFF."

Commenting on the statement, Secretary of State Lansing declared "that in view of its clearness it seemed needless to make a statement in regard to it," other than to say that it appeared to be "a recognition of the fundamental principles for which we have contended."

Ambassador von Bernstorff has a longer communication from the Foreign Office, dealing with the case of the Lusitania, which is expected to clear up any doubt as to the extent of the German concessions. In German quarters it is insisted they will be satisfactory.

The German official written communication was sent to Secretary Lansing after the German Ambassador had submitted a verbal statement. The Secretary of State took the ground that so important a communication concerning the future actions of the German Government should be put in writing and in a short time Count von Bernstorff sent the message.

Before the written reply was delivered Secretary Lansing gave out the following statement:

"The German Ambassador told me that his Government would accept our declarations regarding submarine warfare in principle. The Ambassador agreed to reduce his statement to writing, which he will submit to me later in the day."

ONLY ONE CONCLUSION DRAWN.

Official Washington took the view that the only conclusion it was possible to draw from to-day's communication was that Germany accepted responsibility—indeed, it has already done so—for the sinking of the Lusitania, that she would disavow the sinking of the Arabic, that the illegality of both attacks was admitted and that the fullest possible reparation would be made for the loss of American lives when the two vessels went to the bottom.

Past incidents were left for diplomatic settlement, but the tone of to-day's note, together with intimations previously received from Berlin, left no doubt that Germany would meet the United States more than half way concerning these matters and that a speedy, satisfactory adjustment of them would be reached.

Ambassador Bernstorff received the "memorandum," as it was referred to in Germany.

In his haste to notify Secretary of State Lansing he did not wait to make a written translation but immediately arranged an appointment with the Secretary for 10:40 A. M. He arrived fifteen minutes ahead of this hour and was admitted immediately.

Having conveyed his information to Secretary Lansing, the Am-

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